

Billing Questions

If there is a mistake in your billing, or if you have any questions, please write to:

NJ-AISC Surcharge Billing Office
P.O. Box 4775
Trenton, NJ 08650-4775

Please include a daytime phone number and your NJ driver license number. All surchargeable offenses are posted to your motor vehicle record, then they are immediately billed. The Motor Vehicle Commission does not have the authority to reduce your surcharge assessment or change any court reported convictions.

Change of Address

Surcharge notices are mailed to the last address of record. If you move, the law requires that you notify the Motor Vehicle Commission within seven days.

Toll-free in NJ: 1-888-486-3339

From out-of-state: 1-609-292-6500

Write to:

MVC Change of Address
P.O. Box 016
Trenton, NJ 08666-0016

If you move out-of-state, you must pay all surcharges assessed for offenses that occurred while you were a New Jersey motorist and you must report all changes of address until you have satisfied the surcharge requirements. If your New Jersey driving privileges are suspended, MVC will file for a judgment to collect any unpaid assessments.

Dishonored Checks

For returned checks (insufficient funds) you will receive an indefinite suspension of your driving privilege and a notice for an additional **\$25** payment. The dishonored check notice or letter has instructions for satisfying the fee.

For Certified Copies of Driving Records or Suspensions

Submit requests for certified copies of suspensions or driving records on form:

Information Form DO-21
which is available by calling:

Toll-free in NJ: 1-888-486-3339

From out-of-state: 1-609-292-6500

Send a \$10 check or money order payable to NJ-MVC for each request to:
MVC Driver Abstract Unit
P.O. Box 142
Trenton, NJ 08666-0142

Include a photocopy of your driver license, the effective date of suspension and any address changes.

For Surcharge Information

To obtain information about the surcharge program or your individual surcharges, you can call the **toll-free surcharge hotline at 1-888-651-9999**. Our automated telephone system provides general surcharge information 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You'll find out how much you owe and when your last payment was made. It will accept your credit card payment. Please have your surcharge bill or driver license and your credit card handy when you call.

Customer Service Representatives on the hotline are available to take your calls from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday, only for surcharge-related inquiries.

For Other MVC Information

For general MVC inquiries, call:

Toll-free in NJ: 1-888-486-3339

From out-of-state for general information:
1-609-292-6500

For license suspension and restoration information: 1-609-292-7500

SURCHARGE BILLING FACTS



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Surcharges

New Jersey statute* require the Motor Vehicle Commission to collect surcharges from motorists whose driving records include certain motor vehicle offenses.

These surcharges are in addition to any court-imposed fines and penalties or any premiums assessed by insurance companies.

Who is Responsible?

You are responsible for paying the surcharge even if you move out of NJ. The surcharge is imposed regardless of your current license, registration and/or insurance status.

When are They Due?

The due date for surcharge payments is printed on the bill. If you fail to pay the surcharge in full, or begin an installment payment plan (IPP) by that date, your driving privilege will be indefinitely suspended and a \$100 fee will be charged on restoration. An unsatisfied surcharge will lead to a Notice of Proposed Judgment, and MVC may file a Certificate of Debt in the New Jersey Superior Court to collect the full balance, the interest and the collection costs.

The judgment and collection processes will occur even if your driving privilege is suspended for other reasons and you are ineligible for restoration.

*(N.J.S.A. 17:29A-35)

What Violations are Subject to Surcharges?

ALCOHOL AND DRUG RELATED OFFENSES	
VIOLATIONS	ON OR AFTER
In-state operating under the influence of liquor or drugs (DUI)	February 10, 1983
Out-of-state DUI	January 26, 1984
Refusal to submit to chemical test	January 26, 1984

The surcharge for operating under the influence or refusal, whether it occurs in New Jersey or another state, is \$1,000 a year for three years for both a first and a second violation. A surcharge of \$1,500 a year for three years is imposed for a third or subsequent violation that occurs within three years of the first violation. If you are convicted of both drunk driving and refusal resulting from the same arrest, you will only receive one surcharge.

Point Violations

(Effective July 1, 2004)

If you accumulate six or more points in a period of three years or less you must pay an insurance surcharge of \$150 for the first six points and \$25 for each additional point. The point surcharge will remain in effect as long as you have six or more points on your record resulting from violations posted in the immediate past three years. The accumulation is calculated from the posting date to your driving record, not when the violations occurred.

Point reductions issued for one year of violation or suspension-free driving, or for completion of a driver improvement school or defensive driving course are not considered in reviewing the three-year record for surcharge purposes.

Other actions subject to surcharges**

(on or after March 19, 1984)

YEARLY ASSESSMENT***	
Unlicensed driver	\$100
No insurance - Moped	\$100
Driving while suspended, court or MVC reported	\$250
No liability insurance on motor vehicle	\$250

**Regulation N.J.A.C. 13:19-13.1 et seq.

***These surcharges are assessed each year for three years.

Operating While Suspended

(Increased penalty effective July 1, 1994)

If your driving privilege is suspended as a result of failure to pay insurance surcharges and you are convicted of operating while suspended, the court is mandated to impose an additional \$3,000 fine. Pay the surcharge in full before your court appearance and you will avoid this extra fine.

Paying the Surcharges

You can pay your surcharge by check or money order if you:

- include the bottom portion of your notice
- include your NJ driver license number on your check or money order, and
- use the envelope provided; or,

by MasterCard, VISA or Discover if you:

- call 1-888-651-9999 toll-free

DO NOT SEND CASH